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For: **ABSORBENT COMPOSITION**

Provisional Terminal Disclaimer

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Present Application

1. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., doing business at 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin, 54956, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-referenced present pending U.S. patent application serial number 08/759,108 filed on December 2, 1996 for "ABSORBENT COMPOSITION".
2. Assignment of the inventors' rights in present patent application serial number 08/759,108 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 8341, Frame 0725.

Copending Commonly Assigned Application

1. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is also the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to copending U.S. patent application serial number 10/006,781 filed on December 6, 2001 for "ABSORBENT COMPOSITION CONTAINING TRANSITIONAL CROSSLINKING POINTS".
2. Assignment of the inventors' rights in copending patent application serial number 10/006,781 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012666, Frame 0469.

Right of Assignee to Prosecute

Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. certifies:

- (a) that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed; and
- (b) that to the best of Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.'s knowledge and belief, title of present U.S. patent application serial number 08/759,108 is in Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc..

Provisional Terminal Disclaimer

1. In the event that a patent based upon copending U.S. patent application serial number 10/006,781 issues, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present U.S. patent application serial number 08/759,108, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, including any applicable term

extensions, defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 156 for said issuing patent based on U.S. patent application serial number 08/759,108.

2. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. hereby agrees that any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 08/759,108 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to such patent shall be the same as the legal title to copending U.S. patent application serial number 10/006,781 and any patent(s) issuing therefrom. This agreement shall run with any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 08/759,108 and shall be binding upon the Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., its successors and/or assigns.

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- (b) is held unenforceable;
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- (d) is statutorily disclaimed in whole;
- (e) is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(a);
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Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. specifically does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the present U.S. patent application serial number 08/759,108 prior to the expiration date of the term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 156 including any term extensions as applicable to any patent granted on copending U.S. patent application serial number 10/006,781.

Fee

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c)(1), please charge the \$110.00 fee due in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.'s deposit account number 11-0875. This Provisional Terminal Disclaimer is filed in duplicate.

The undersigned is an attorney of record in the present application having serial no. 08/759,108.

Respectfully submitted,

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